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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS BY FRANCE AND GERMANY' S DEFENSE MINISTER

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1. MAY 24 LE MONDE CARRIES SYNOPSIS OF ARMED FORCES

FOLLOWING MAY 21-22 MEETING WITH MINISTER GALLEY' S COMMENTS TO
PRESS

IN BONN ARTICLE GERMAN DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER.

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MAKES FOLLOWING THREE KEY POINTS.

2. MINISTER GALLEY AND GERMAN DEFENSE MINISTER
LEBER BELIEVE THAT THE DEFENSE OF EUROPE REST TO
A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE UPON FRANCO- GERMAN FRIENDSHIP
AND COOPERATION.

3. THE LE MONDE ARTICLE SAYS GALLEY COMMENTED
FRANCE DID NOT BELONG TO THE EURO GROUP WHICH THE
GERMANS CONSIDER THE KERNEL OF A TRUE SYSTEM OF EUROPEAN
DEFENSE ONE OF THE FRENCH PREOCCUPATIONS IS
TO DEVELOP THE PRODUCTION OF ARMAMENTS AND THE FRENCH
GOVERNMENT " ACCORDING TO MR. GALLEY IS ATTEMPTING TO
FIND ' OTHER FORMS OF COOPERATION WHICH ARE NOT FOUND
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF NATO."

4. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES SUGGESTING QUESTION OF PLUTON
EMPLOYMENT HAD BEEN RAISED DURING MEETING AND THAT
WONDERED WHAT MIGHT BE THE EVENTUAL OBJECTIVE OF THIS
MISSILE WHOSE RANGE IS LIMITED TO 120 KILOMETRES.
GALLEY REPORTEDLY LIMITED HIMSELF TO NOTING
THAT THE POSSIBILITIES OF PLUTON EMPLOYMENT HAD YET
TO BE DEFINED. IRWIN

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